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Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel without prejudice claim 6 and amend claims 3 and 7 as follows. Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

A1#1 3. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the error correction corresponds to Reed Solomon forward error correction.

A2#2 7. (Amended) An apparatus adapted to enhance the resistance of ATM cells to burst errors and jamming operation in accordance with the method of claim 1.

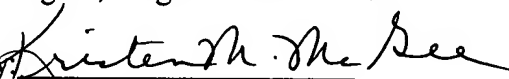
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